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SHIMADA *ET AL.*

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Examiner: HOFFMANN, J.M.

Filed: December 1, 2000

Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING BASE MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER, APPARATUS THEREFORE, AND BASE MATERIAL MANUFACTURED BY THE SAME

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The applicants respectfully request consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-captioned application. With respect to Tatsuo *et al.* (CA 2,105,641, reference OR), please note that this application is as filed, and may be incomplete. This fact is noted on the face of the application at the bottom. In particular, the specification does not contain any drawings. However, the content of the drawings is described in the text of the specification. Therefore, the applicants respectfully

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request consideration of this document in the absence of the figures. For the convenience of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, another copy of this application (with the "Notice" from the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, CIPO) is submitted herewith.

Also submitted herewith are copies of Hirasawa (JP 09-030825, Reference PR), Ishizaka (JP 08-183631, Reference QR), Hongo (JP 64-65039, Reference RR), Takahashi (JP 11-240731, Reference SR), Saito (JP 02-160636, Reference TR), Tsuchiya (JP 64-65041, Reference UR), Yabuki (JP 02-051438, Reference VR), and Danzuki (JP 62-153135, Reference WR). The examiner acknowledged receipt of the English language abstracts of these references. The applicants respectfully direct the examiner's attention to the fact that Hongo (JP 64-65039, Reference RR) is the same as JP 10-65039. The applicants herewith submit another English language abstract for this reference (only).

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Respectfully submitted,

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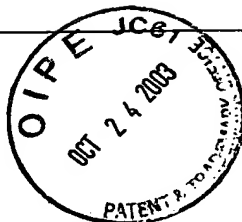
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